

ABSTRACT

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2 A reporting program and system whereby end users of navigation systems, or
3 other computing platforms that use geographic data to obtain navigation-related or map-
4 related services, can make reports about the geographic data. The reporting program can
5 be used by end users to report perceived errors or inaccuracies in the geographic data.
6 The end users can use their own personal computers, or other computing devices, to
7 access the reporting program over a network, such as the Internet. When an end user
8 accesses the reporting program, the reporting program provides a graphical map image to
9 the end user on the end user's computing platform. The reporting program allows the end
10 user to zoom and pan the graphical map image in order to display an image of the area
11 about which the end user wishes to make a report. When the area about which the end
12 user wishes to make a report is displayed on the end user's display screen, the reporting
13 program allows the end user to mark up the graphical map image to illustrate a change.
14 The reporting program also allows the end user to include text to describe a change. The
15 reporting program captures the end user's graphical and text input as a report that is used
16 to update or check the geographic database, as appropriate.

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